## Increase in Levy, of Paddy. Jowar and Ragi

94. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state —

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the quantum of levy paddy, jowar and ragi has been increased this year ·

(*b*) if so, by how much ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Government had not supplied sufficient fertilisers to the Agriculturists this year ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) The quantum of levy paddy and jowar has been increased this year. Ragi is not being procured this year.

(*b*) Scale of levy for 1973-74 and 1974-75 (*Vide* Statement placed on the Table of the House).*

(*c*) This is not so. Government had streamlined the distribution system for fertilisers which was allotted in larger quantities.

## Rate fixed for Levy of Paddy and Jowar

21. Sri B. BYRAPPAJI (Turuvekere) —

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state —

(*a*) the rates fixed for the purchase of Paddy and other grains propose to be collected through levy, in the State ;

(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the rates fixed are low from the grower's point of view ;

(*c*) if so, the steps to be taken in the interest of ryot ?

Smt. E. E. VAZ (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies). —

(*a*) During 1974-75 the Government has decided to collect Paddy and Jawar only through levy. The rates of varieties of paddy and jawar are as follows :

| | Paddy | per Quintal |
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| 1. | Superfine variety | 89-00 |
| 2. | Fine variety | 84-00 |
| 3. | Medium variety | 79-00 |
| 4. | Coarse paddy | 74-00 |
| | Ayl varieties of Jawar | 74-00 |

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